

Comprehensive School Reform Information (CSR)

The comprehensive school reform movement developed out of the literature on effective schools. While the effective schools research does not prescribe any particular reform effort, it does describe certain components of school reform that appear to lead to improved student academic achievement. These components form the empirical foundation for the comprehensive school reform movement.

The Comprehensive School Reform (CSR) program encourages the implementation of effective strategies for all students in a school. The program provides start-up financial assistance to schools so they can implement whole school reforms that reflect the research literature on effective practices in order to help students meet state academic standards.

Primary goal of the CSR program :

To help schools implement scientifically proven reform strategies to help all children meet state standards.

Key Requirements:

Grounded in scientifically based research

Meet the eleven components of CSR, as listed in application

Be supported by effective technical assistance providers

Funding targeted to students and schools with the greatest educational needs

The Eleven Components:

Employs proven methods and strategies that are grounded in scientifically based research

Integrates a comprehensive design with aligned components

Provides ongoing, high-quality professional development for teachers and staff

Includes measurable goals and benchmarks for student achievement

Is supported within the school by teachers, administrators and staff

Provides support for teachers, administrators and staff

Provides for meaningful parent and community involvement in planning, implementing and evaluating school improvement activities

Uses high-quality external technical support and assistance from and external partner with experience and expertise in school-wide reform and improvement

Annually evaluates strategies for the implementation of school reforms and for student results achievement

Identifies resources to support and sustain the school's comprehensive reform effort

Has been found to result in or has demonstrated strong evidence that it significantly improves the academic achievement of students

Allocations:

Competitive Grants – 6-8 Awards to be awarded during this competition
\$50,000 - \$100,000 a year for 3 years

Eligibility:

6 Awards to Title I A served or Title I A eligible schools
2 Awards to non-Title schools

Grant Application Submission Deadline:

No applications are currently being accepted for the CSR program. The department does not anticipate inviting new applications until at least late fall 2005, and then only if federal FY2006 appropriations are sufficient to warrant a competition. Interested person are encouraged to use the links below to view application documents from Idaho's 2004 competition and to access other CSR resources